



14th annual Long Island International Film Expo (LIIFE) to be held July 7-14, 2011

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The 14th annual Long Island [International Film](#) Expo (LIIFE) will be held at the historic Bellmore Movies.

The Expo will show over 115 films from around the world with an abundance of documentaries and foreign films taking front and center.

The Irish/Bosnian film, **As If I Am Not There**, will be the official opening night feature on Friday, July 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm. The feature film, which opened at the Toronto Film Festival and won many awards at major film festivals worldwide, realistically depicts the atrocities that occurred during the Bosnian/Serbian war.

The documentaries that will be screened cover such diverse subjects as how a [community](#) comes together to honor their wounded warriors; how Burmese citizens suffer adverse conditions in their native home; and how a family has to collect cans to survive after the [father](#) becomes unemployed.

The behind-the-scenes documentary **Long Island Uncovered** centers on the private lives of Long Island's top tribute/cover band musicians while the mid-life crisis based **King of the Hamptons** features cameos by Alec Baldwin, Billy Joel and others.

The short film **Lily of the Feast** is produced by Nassau County's Michael Ricigliano, Jr. and directed by Federico Castelluccio (Furio from **The Sopranos**). The cast includes Paul Sorvino (**Goodfellas**) and Tony Lo Bianco (**The French Connection**).

There will be a Q&A after the film with Tony and Michael.

LIIFE will also be offering panels on script writing and film distribution, in addition to a filmmakers' breakfast and an opening night buffet/tech award ceremony on Friday night.

Actor **Ed Burns** will accept a Creative Achievement Award from the not-for-profit 501(c) 3 group the Long Island Film-TV Foundation at the closing party and awards ceremony.

County Executive **Edward Mangano** will also accept a Benefactor of the Arts Award.

Other celebrities will be on hand to present awards, with their availability being confirmed as opening night approaches.

Film festival winners are chosen by a combination of judges' votes and audience ballots.

The schedule for the **Long Island International Film Expo** and ticket information can be seen at www.longislandfilm.com. Or call 516 571-3168 or 516 783-3199.